

DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM  
TERRITORY OF GUAM

10 TONY H. ASHTIANI,

11 Plaintiff,

12 vs.

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14 CONTINENTAL MICRONESIA INC.,  
15 dba CONTINENTAL MICRONESIA,  
16 and CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.,

17 Defendant.

Civil Case No. 02-00032

ORDER

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19 On September 30, 2003, Plaintiff Tony H. Ashtiani, proceeding pro se, filed a Motion for  
20 Protective Order seeking to prevent Defendant Continental Micronesia, Inc. from taking  
21 depositions of Plaintiff and two other individuals. On October 2, 2003, Defendant filed an  
22 Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Protective Order and a Motion to Shorten Time for Protective  
23 Order.  
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25 Plaintiff did not move the Court to schedule a hearing on his motion. See Local Rules  
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1 7.1(e)(1). However, upon consideration of Plaintiff's proceeding pro se<sup>1</sup> and upon review of  
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3 Plaintiff's motion, the Court finds that a hearing on the matter would be appropriate.

4 As to Defendant's Motion to Shorten Time, the Court finds that Defendant has failed to  
5 produce sufficient reasons warranting expedition of the motion process. See Local Rules 7.1(k).  
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7 Accordingly, the Court will hear oral arguments on Plaintiff's Motion for Protective  
8 Order on October 22, 2003, at 10:00 A.M. Plaintiff shall file his reply to Defendant's  
9 Opposition no later than October 15, 2003.

10 The Court recognizes that Defendant's counsel currently resides off-island. Upon  
11 request, the Court will allow defense counsel to appear telephonically at the hearing, if needed.  
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13 SO ORDERED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2003.

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17 **JOHN S. UNPINGCO**  
18 **District Judge**  
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25 <sup>1</sup>Because Plaintiff is proceeding pro se, the Court allows Plaintiff greater latitude than it  
26 would if Plaintiff was proceeding with advice of counsel. See Karim-Panahi v. Los Angeles  
27 Police Dep't, 839 F.2d 621, 623 (9th Cir. 1988) ("In civil rights cases where the plaintiff  
28 appears pro se, the court must construe the pleadings liberally and must afford plaintiff the  
benefit of any doubt.").